goods are exported on Indian vessels as against the normal rate of 10 percent.

Financial difficulties of Ranchi University

1421. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute financial difficulties being faced by the Ranchi University so much so that over 10,000 teachers including Readers and Professors working in different Colleges have not been paid their salaries for the past few months; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to assist the University to tion of various Task Forces is attached.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of Bihar is responsible for the payment of salaries of the teachers in Ranchi University.

Black-marketing in Railway Tickets

1422. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in "The Statesman" of 9th July, 1986 under the caption "And now they beat the Computer";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation as to the modus operandi of these touts and how Railway tickets are available with them when these are not available at the countries; and

(d) if so, what are the steps being taken to prevent blackmarketing in railway tickets?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report alleged that touts are operating in the Railways Computerised Reservation Centre at New Delhi.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. An enquiry revealed that no confirmed ticket in the name of the companion of the reporter had been issued from any of the counters on 8.7.86 as alleged, as the waiting list for the train had started on 28.6.86 itself after which no confirmed ticket can be isued by the Computer.

Rajkot-Ahmedabad Inter-city train

1423. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajkot-Ahmedabad inter-city train service is scheduled to commence from October next;

(b) if so, what is the estimated time to be taken by the inter-city train to shuttle between Rajkot to Ahmedabad and vice versa;

(c) what is going to be the estimated accommodation in II Class, I Class and A/C, Chair-Cars; and

(d) what is going to be the fare for d fferenet classes for journeys between Rajkot and Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes.

(c) It is proposed to have 2 first class and 11 second class coaches and 2 second class cum luggage vans on this train.

(d) Fare charged with be according to the normal tariff rates.